

OPPONENTS OF KERENS DESIRE EARLY CAUCUS

First Test of Strength of Nieringhaus and Akins Likely to Come When Time of Nomination Is Decided.

NO ELECTION EXPECTED ON THE INITIAL BALLOT.

Defection of National Committee man Akins Has Not Destroyed Parker Boom and Major Warner Will Be in the Voting.

A movement to bring about an early caucus on the senatorial question has been started by National Committeeman Thomas J. Akins and other supporters of Thomas K. Nieringhaus, who feel that the Republican legislators should decide on their choice before the formal organization of the Legislature takes place.

Mr. Akins thinks the Republican caucus should be held Jan. 5 or 6, and not later than Jan. 7.

The followers of Col. R. C. Kerens, it is said, are in favor of postponing action until the second week of the session, or until after the House of Representatives and Senate are organized.

The settlement of this question will be the first real test of the strength of the Akins and Kerens forces.

If Akins is able to concentrate the entire opposition to Kerens on Nieringhaus, the politicians figure that Kerens cannot win.

But as yet Mr. Akins' declaration for Nieringhaus has not cleared the way for a landslide, the friends of Maj. Warner of Kansas City and L. F. Parker, the Frisco attorney, still remaining loyal to their favorites.

There has been no wavering in the Kerens ranks, and certain legislators who switched from Nieringhaus to Kerens are issuing almost daily pronouncements that they will stick to the finish.

Fine politics will be played Friday and Saturday at St. Joseph, where the Missouri Republican editors will convene in annual session.

Mrs. Nieringhaus, Kerens and Parker will join the Republican scribes at their banquet Saturday night, and each will have headquarters at the Metropole hotel.

It is certain, unless there should be a revolution in the situation between now and Jan. 2, that no selection for senator will be made on the first ballot.

The names of Maj. William Warner of Kansas City, L. F. Parker, Col. R. C. Kerens and Thomas K. Nieringhaus are sure to be presented to the caucus. It is also thought likely that Charles Nagel of St. Louis, who came within one vote of defeating Col. Kerens for the minority nomination two years ago, will be supported by some of the legislators.

Politicians figure that Nieringhaus should go into the caucus with 28 or 30 votes, if Mr. Akins can carry out his guarantee to Mr. Nieringhaus' friends, while they say Kerens will have 24 votes.

Warner's strength is estimated at 5, Parker at 7, and 7 or ten members may assign a call for a caucus may be made immediately after the Legislature convenes on January 5.

Dr. A. C. Pettigrew, representative from Linn County and an old member of the legislature, is standing in the shadow of the Nieringhaus headquarters at the Laclede Hotel Wednesday morning proclaiming his loyalty to Kerens.

"Mr. Kerens will be the next United States senator from Missouri, in my opinion," said Dr. Pettigrew.

Dr. Pettigrew stated to a Post-Dispatch reporter that he believes he will win the speakership over Dr. Tubbs of Osage and Representative "Dave" Hill of Butler County.

"My known friendliness to Mr. Kerens may have the effect of lining up a number of anti-Kerens votes against me in the caucus," said the Brookfield statesman, "but I think I shall pull through, anyhow. The caucus on the speakership is held before the senatorial caucus, you know."

Dr. Pettigrew says the caucus on the speakership will probably be held Tuesday night, Jan. 3, as the legislature officially opens Jan. 4.

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THREE SHOT IN CHRISTMAS BRAWLS

Madison County, Illinois, Coroner to Hold Inquests at Tri-Cities Tuesday.

Three inquests were begun Tuesday by Coroner Streeter of Alton on the deaths of three men killed in the Tri-Cities in Christmas brawls and robberies that kept the authorities of Madison, Venice and Granite City busy from Saturday noon to Monday night.

Two men were killed and a third was seriously wounded on the Edwardsville road west of Madison at 1 o'clock Monday morning, in what was believed to be a fight between two different factions of a settlement there. The names of those who were shot have not as yet been learned by the authorities. Three suspects are being held pending the inquest—Charles Trifu, George Simla and Joseph Munch.

Albert Thornton, a Negro living at Newport, was killed by Ike Ferguson, a white man, in Courtney's saloon at North Venice early Sunday morning. Ferguson, whose plea is self-defense, is being held for the coroner's inquest.

At a late hour Sunday night a Granite City, Illinois, and East St. Louis street car was stopped by three men and the conductor forced to give up the company's money at the point of a revolver.

No passengers were on the car. John Winston, S. Goodrich and A. Green are held to answer a charge of robbing the car.

GREATER NEW YORK BADLY ICEBOUND

Rain Freezes as Fast as It Descends, Delaying Traffic of All Sorts.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Rain and sleet, with a rising temperature, following the recent heavy snowstorms, have greatly impeded traffic in and about New York. Telegraphic communication has been considerably handicapped and nearly all through trains from the West and North are delayed, owing to slippery rails.

In the city the rain and sleet which froze as soon as it struck the ground made walking during the night hazardous and inconvenient and wherever there was a grade on the surface roads there was great trouble.

On the elevated lines brilliant electrical displays marked the passing of trains over the ice-coated third rail.

Brooklyn appeared to suffer more than Manhattan. There the trolley lines were in trouble, both overhead and underground. Hundreds of persons who had attended Manhattan theaters were very late in reaching their homes after the performance.

At times the entire road system of the borough was practically tied up.

As the rain descended it froze in a firm layer on the exposed rails and made electric circuits for the cars and trains almost impossible. Because of the holiday an unusually small number of cars were run in the borough and the ice had plenty time to form.

The Brooklyn elevated lines trains supposed to run in half an hour from the bridge to the end of the line required nearly two hours for the trip.

The snowfall of Sunday amounted to about an inch, so the little was toward clearing the streets. Broadway cleared through out its length and the principal spots where traffic congestions were collected. Elsewhere the snow was shoveled into huge hillocks.

JOHN L.'S PARTNER HOUSED TOO MANY

Saloon Proprietor Gillespie Is Charged With Fraudulent Registration of 100 Names.

An information was returned by Assistant Circuit Attorney Hancock into the office of the clerk of the Court of Criminal Correction Tuesday, charging John L. Gillespie, former partner of "Lord" Barrington and later partner of John L. Sullivan in the saloon business, with aiding and abetting in the fraudulent registration of 100 names.

Gillespie has saloons and lodging houses at 604 and 619 Market street and it is charged that these were the headquarters for many men who fraudulently registered as qualified voters before the November election.

The grand jury took up the matter in October and had Gillespie before it. It was the intention of that body to return an indictment but pressure of other business prevented.

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CASHIER BLAMES RACES FOR HIS DOWNFALL

William Hessestein, Franklin Hotel Embellisher, Blames Races For Downfall.



WILLIAM HESSESTEIN.

LUCK HE HOPED FOR NEVER CAME

William Hessestein, formerly clerk at the Franklin hotel, 4101 Westminster place, who was brought here from New Orleans Monday night on a warrant charging him with embellishment of \$700, was arraigned Tuesday morning before Judge Moore in the Court of Criminal Correction.

He pleaded not guilty in the hope that his friends would make good his shortage. His hearing was set for Jan. 3.

Hessestein confessed, the police say, that he had embellished about \$100 from the Franklin hotel and said that the races at Delmar track were the cause of his downfall.

In his cell at the Four Courts, Hessestein said:

"There is no use in talking, you cannot beat the racing game. I played the horses at first in small amounts and lost, and then I began taking the hotel's money to try and recoup my losses.

"Racetrack gambling attacked me like a fever; I could not get away from it. And so I lost my money and my position. I took more money and went to New Orleans, determined to regain the race track and if I won to restore the money I had taken.

Hessestein left for New Orleans four weeks ago. He had been in the Southern city only a few days before he lost all of his money and was compelled to write to a friend in New York for a loan of \$100 and requested that the money be sent in care of the German consul at New Orleans. When the letter containing the money arrived, Hessestein was present and Hessestein was arrested.

He was brought to St. Louis Monday morning by Detective Francis La Barge. While the warrant charges Hessestein with being short \$700 and he admits a shortage of \$100, it is said by Mrs. E. Wood V. Matlack, proprietor of the Franklin hotel, that the exact amount of his shortage is not known and may exceed \$100.

Hessestein came to America from northern Germany about one year ago and for ten months was employed at the Franklin hotel. He returned to his native town in Germany where he lived or worked for the name of his parents or relatives. He is well dressed and is of refined manner. He is 42 years old, unmarried.

CHURCH DANCE ENDS DYING MAN KILLS FATHER AND SON

Fight Starts When Martin Johnson Dances With Lucy Atkins Without Escort's Permission.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 27.—As a result of a man dancing at a church and a man's girl without asking permission, four men are dead and two are seriously injured at Grangers, Logan County. The victims are:

JOHN AND MARVIN HART. MARTIN JOHNSON. LAUTHER BASCOM.

William Riley and Henry Turbeville are injured, the latter probably will die. The tragedy occurred at a Christmas dance in the church at that place. Martin Johnson, without observing the usual custom, asked Lucy Atkins to dance with him, but said nothing to Turbeville, her escort. A general shooting followed in which more than twenty shots were fired. The women ran screaming from the dance hall by a rear door while half the men present drew their weapons and took sides with the two factions.

Johnson's friends, who were in the minority, finally fled.

The sheriff and a number of deputies arrived on the scene a few minutes after the fight, but so far no warrants have been issued.

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LONDON, Dec. 26.—Sailed: Steamer Mescha, New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Arrived: Oscar II, Copenhagen.

ISLE OF WIGHT, Dec. 26.—Sailed: Zealand.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 26.—Sailed: Ivernia, from Liverpool, Boston; delayed by fog.

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Big sale of men's \$15 heavy suits and overcoats for \$5.00 at the Globe, 7th and Franklin av., tomorrow. Also sale of men's and boys' warm pull-down caps or ear muffs.

SAVED STAGE HERO; BECAME REAL HERO

But For Man in Wings, Villain Would Have Had His Revenge.

JUMPER MISSES REAL WATER.

Just as Heroine Was About to Shed Real Tears, Real Rescue Was Enacted.

There is a new hero of the stage today. His name is not on the bills or the billboards, but he is recognized by the "profess" as a hero.

His name is John Campbell, his official occupation is stage hand at the Imperial Theater, and he blazed a trail of glory across the theatrical horizon Monday night.

Campbell is the hero who saved the hero who tried to save the child whom the unspeakable villain threw into Harlem river, and the way of it was this:

"Shadows of a Great City" is the bill at the Imperial this week. It is a tank melodrama, and in the third act the villain gets upon a rubber-covered bluff and throws a child into a tank of real water which represents Harlem river.

"Ha, ha," says the villain as the infant's body splashes in the water. "The hero, who in this case is A. L. Jarrett in the role of Tom Cooper, runs and upon the rubber-covered bluff, makes a few passes at his coat, takes a 15-foot jump, and in the middle of the air, catches the drowning child—which is only a dummy—waves it above his head, swims to shore and cries 'Saved!'

The discomfited villain gnashes his teeth. All the stage hand is expected to do is to look on.

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Scene of Rescue Not on the Bills, and Actor Who Escaped Drowning



CHADWICK BAGGAGE IS FOUND AT LAST

Receiver Looser Asserts, However, That Missing Trunk and Valise Contain No Valuables.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 27.—"We have found the trunk and satchel taken from Mrs. Chadwick's room in the Holland House in New York," said Receiver Looser today, "but unfortunately they contain nothing more valuable than wearing apparel. Nevertheless, they will be brought here within a day or two."

"We had intended to examine Henry Wurster, the Elvira Jeweler, who holds \$20,000 worth of the Chadwick jewels as security for a loan. He has made a full statement, however, and expressed his willingness to surrender the gems whenever the loan is made good."

"While the property will be appraised later, it is my opinion that it will prove to be worth little more than the amount advanced to Mrs. Chadwick."

Contrary to expectation, the inquiry by the receiver was not resumed this morning. Mr. Looser stating that there will be no further formal proceedings for several days.

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LOVE'S BATTLE ENDS IN THREE DEATHS

Girl For Whom Young Man Fought Father, Wounded by Suitor's Bullet.

POST-DISPATCH'S COMPLETE RECORD OF LATEST SPORTING NEWS

Cartoonist Edgren Pictures Incidents in Battling Nelson's Life Which Led Dane to Believe That Five-Ounce Gloves Wouldn't Hurt Him.



WHILE NELSON WAS SHOEING HORSES HE DISCOVERED THAT HE COULD TAKE PUNISHMENT.



PIECE OF BROKEN MACHINERY HIT HIM ON THE HEAD --- NEVER DAZED HIM.



BATTILING NELSON STARTED BOXING WITH THE BLACKSMITHS IN THE SHOP.

NATIONAL LEADS IN NEW PLAYERS

League Owns to Ninety-One New Recruits, and Ten Will Come to Cardinals.

According to official lists of players drafted and bought by owners of National League baseball clubs, that body has reserved many more players than its rival, the American League. Ninety-one is the number given out by the Nationals, while the Americans claim only 75 new players. Ned Hanlon, manager of the Brooklyn, is chiefly responsible for the large number of National League reserves. "Foxy Ned" claims no less than 32 players, 11 of

List of New Players Reserved by Cardinals.

Charles Brown, bought from Omaha.
John Butler, bought from Kansas City.
W. J. Campbell, bought from Louisville.
A. J. Egan, bought from Louisville.
Wm. Hallman, bought from Louisville.
Hugh Hill, bought from Kansas City.
J. Clark, drafted from Des Moines.
Simon T. Murch, bought from New England League.
James McInley, bought from New England League.
Charles Swindella, bought from Pacific Coast League.

them from Baltimore, the Eastern League club controlled by Hanlon. Ten new men are in line for the St. Louis Cardinals. Of these, Swindella, Murch, McInley, Hill and Butler were seen in a few games with the local team last year, so that really there are but five new-comers. Brown, the Omaha twirler, and Josh Clark, brother of the Pittsburgh manager, are looked upon as promising material.

CHICAGO'S TEAM SWEEPED OFF FEET

All-Star St. Louis Sockers Defeated Windy City Champions by 4 to 1 Score.

BY F. S. CODDING.

Rushed off their feet by a whirlwind attack, outdone in science and in every way outplayed, Chicago's champion association football team was decisively defeated by the All-Star St. Louis team Monday afternoon at Kulage Park. The score was 4 to 1, and fairly indicates the comparative strength of the teams.

St. Louis won the opening game of the series Sunday, 2 to 1, and there were those among the spectators who believed that the Chicago players, after becoming used to St. Louis' rough style of play, would by strategy and scientific work overcome this and win Monday's game.

In striking contrast to predictions, St. Louis played a combination and passing game Monday fully as strong as the visitors. Ammann, Cunningham and Kavanaugh employed the same seemingly rough, aggressive tactics as on the day before, but combined with these was a degree of science and skill that had not been seen on a St. Louis field this year or for several years.

The St. Louis forwards and halfbacks are masters of body-checking. With their decided weight advantage over their opponents, Daly, Kavanaugh, Lynch and others had only to stop suddenly when being charged by a Chicagoan, and the man would rebound from the shock or go bowling over the larger man's knee. Some of the light forwards, like the two Watts boys, were bumped about considerably during the game, but they showed gameness by sticking and were playing with unabated fierceness when the final whistle sounded.

At times, when the ball was in a dry part of the field and a Chicago forward had possession of it and not too many local men attacked him, the spectators saw a wonderful exhibition of clever, delicate dribbling. The little Chicago man would deftly tap the ball here and there between the legs of the big St. Louis players in a most tantalizing way. This never lasted long, however, before Lynch, Betts or one of the big halfbacks would charge in and carry off the ball with a rush.

Chicago Displayed Science and Skill.

Chicago presented two changes in its line-up Monday, and it cannot be said that the team's strength was affected either way. Teddy Davis was switched from halfback to forward to fill the place of Morris while F. Evans was sent to the forward line to replace Wittingham. Forward occupied the halfback position made vacant by Davis.

The visiting team played much the same sort of game that it exhibited Sunday. The forwards showed to even less advantage than in the first game, because of the marked improvement in the work of the Chicago defense. In the first defense, Chicago was slightly overhauled, Scott played the best game of the halfbacks, though he and his team-mates were eclipsed by the splendid work of the DeVaney and Gerald Shea.

Walt and Rodgers, fullback and Roberts at goal, showed the same wonderful defense that baffled the St. Louis forwards Sunday. Roberts has been the individual star of the series on defensive play. He wasted off shots Monday that came at him like cannon balls. Of the six goals scored against him in the two days of play, six were made when the rushing forwards had plenty of chance for accurate shots.

goal. Betts and P. Lynch, at fullback, showed a highly improved game Monday. Lynch's clearing was on a par with that of either of his Chicago opponents. It was due to the two fullbacks that Goalkeeper Tully had so little to do.

St. Louis won the loss and Chicago kicked off. For the first five minutes or more the visitors retained the ball and it looked as if they were going to defeat the local players by scientific team work.

St. Louis was not to be denied, however, and soon had the ball rushing down the field at the feet of the forwards. After 10 minutes of play Chicago again secured the ball and the forwards, secured the ball and Davis and F. Evans displayed pretty combination work. The ball was carried by the halfbacks through the fullbacks, and finally F. Evans shot it between the bars for a goal. Davis was offside, however, and Referee McSweeney would not allow the score.

Another Goal Barely Prevented.

A moment later Scott got through the St. Louis defense and drove a hot one at Tully, but the lanky goalkeeper leapt half proper place and barely prevented a goal.

After that attempt and for the greater part of the first half St. Louis held possession of the ball. Kavanaugh missed a goal by inches after a neat pass from M. DeVaney. Shortly after, Ammann took a corner kick by Kavanaugh on his head and the ball hit the cross bar.

St. Louis then began a long, cross-the-field passing game which resulted in a goal. Chicago received a short pass from Shea who rushed it forward with great speed, knocking Rodgers out of the way and sending the ball by Roberts.

The ball saw-sawed back and forth for some time after the kick-off. Cunningham and Ammann then got hold of it and on a good pass "Cunny" sneaked the square past Rodgers and he was off when receiving the pass and the score was not counted.

Towards the end of the first half, St. Louis tallied two more goals. The first was the most spectacular of the day. Kelley received a short pass from Shea while standing in front of the goal, and by clever play headed the ball between the posts. The rest of the half was played in Chicago territory, but no more scores were made.

Close Easy For St. Louis.

In the closing period, St. Louis had things all its own way. Kavanaugh, Ammann, Daly, in fact all the forwards kept the Chicago fullbacks and Roberts continually busy. Had he been less quick and sure of eye, St. Louis would have doubled the score.

The local team tallied its fourth and final goal about the midpoint of the last half. Kavanaugh passed the ball from a mix-up in the extreme corner, and little Kelley waiting in front of the goalposts, turned the ball inward before Roberts could recover himself.

JEFF MAY HAVE THREE FIGHTS

Champion Talks of Possibilities of Fight With Marvin Hart, Wrestler Gotch and Fitz.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 27.—Champion James J. Jeffries has received informal notice of probable challenges from Robert Fitzsimmons, Marvin Hart and Frank Gotch, the wrestler. Jeffries said: "An hour ago I would have said I despaired of getting on a fight for a long time. All any white man has to do is to go to Frisco and convince the public he would give me a battle worth the public's time and money. Frisco is the only place a fight can be held without danger of a fiasco at the last minute through interference. The public is wise and when it wants to spend money to see me fight I will fight the man it picks."

"Hart has the qualifications of a good man and, best of all, has a clean record. I don't know Gotch, as I am not interested in wrestling. He is taking the right course by going to California and is wise in getting on with McCoy, who can teach him whatever cleverness he lacks and who can show him how to hit."

"They all look alike to me and I am ready for anyone. The Frisco public got duped in the Munroe affair and it is only just to let Frisco get even by picking its own man for the next bout."

FLASH OF FUSE CAUSES STAMPEDE

Passengers on Bridge Car Crush Women and Conductor in Rush for Door.

The blowing out of a fuse on an Eads bridge electric car Monday afternoon frightened 12 men so badly that they tumbled upon two women and one of the women was injured.

The car was near the east tower of the bridge when the fuse blew out with a flash. The 12 men, paying no attention to the two women, made a rush for the rear door, and all tried to get through it at once.

Two, finding they could not get out that way quickly enough, climbed through the windows.

The others, in their scramble to get off the rear platform, crowded the conductor, Henry Brummond, into the corner and pulled down the trolley pole and stop the display.

Mrs. Alice Stoffregen of 413 Collingwood avenue, East St. Louis, was carried off by the rush of the excited men and fell from the platform, receiving bruises and having her anger cut.

Two of the men also received slight injuries.

RELIGIOUS EDITOR TO TRAVEL.

Rev. W. B. Palmore Will Journey to South America.

Rev. Dr. W. B. Palmore, editor and proprietor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, left Monday night for a six months' journey to Central and South America. The main object of the journey is that Dr. Palmore may familiarize himself with conditions of those countries on account of the closer relations which will probably exist between the United States because of the Panama canal.

Dr. Palmore will meet Rev. Dr. Neely, recently made bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the two will spend a month or six weeks in the vicinity of the proposed canal route.

From there Dr. Palmore will go to South America and then to Great Britain.

MORE CUEISTS FOR TOURNEY

Four New Names Added to List of Entries in National Amateur Billiards Contest.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Members of the committee in charge of the coming national amateur billiards tournament at the Chicago Athletic Association met yesterday afternoon and decided to extend invitations to Dr. Harley Parker, Ed Rein, Harry Pagin and Charles Thessie of Boston, who were found to have averaged 74 and better in competition. It was also decided to offer eight prizes, which are considered by the committee to be the finest that have ever yet been offered by any club in charge of a national amateur billiards tournament. A member of the committee, in speaking

of the event, which is to be held in the latter part of January, said that the athletic association would make every effort to eclipse all previous events and at the same time have the very best men in the country compete.

"We shall invite a number of players," said the member, "although it will be impossible for all whom we invite to play. The invitations are extended in some instances as a matter of courtesy. The committee has on each invitation reserved the right to accept or refuse the recipient's entry, so that the C. A. A. is safe and can limit the number of players to eight, ten or twelve, as it so desires."

"The committee," continued the member, "is in a delicate position in the matter, and all care must be taken that there is no friction and no ill feeling engendered among those with whom it comes in contact. We expect to hold another meeting within a few days, when further business will be transacted."

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Boy Finel for "Shy" Coal.

Louis Jacobs, 15 years old, of 18 Clark avenue, paid \$24.40 into the Juvenile Court Tuesday. The amount represents a fine of \$50 and costs, inflicted some days ago for giving short weight on coal at his father's coal yard. A new trial was asked for and denied, the father of the boy then produced the money for the payment of the fine.

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DECEMBER 27, 1904.

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1904

SUNDAY, 226,413
DAILY, 150,117
BIGGEST WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

President Castro of Venezuela can almost feel the big stick on his pants right now.

The 778 automobile licenses issued this year in St. Louis make a good showing for our auto progression.

With 22 new cotton mills in the North and 26 in the South this year we shall surely be able to work the big crop.

Perhaps the Russians will get their constitution about the time the Dingley tariff is revised for the American consumer.

FIRE FIGHTERS' LONG HOURS.

A Post-Dispatch reader calls attention to the fact that Chicago is taking steps for the improvement of its fire department, in the line of bettering the conditions under which firemen work. He suggests a similar change for St. Louis.

The Chicago City Council has passed an ordinance, providing for a watch of twelve hours for each fireman, instead of continuous duty during the entire 24 hours, with the exception of meal times and a recess of three hours for family visits. The contention of the Chicago alderman who proposed the law is that the twelve-hour watch not only enables the fireman to be an actual member of his family, thus placing him on a footing with other wage earners, but that the new watches can be so arranged that the department will gain in efficiency.

Under the old system, it was necessary for the recess to be taken at the very hours when, as experience proved, danger from fires was most imminent. It is claimed that, under the proposed arrangement of hours, more men will be on watch when most needed than heretofore; and it is certain that they will be in a better condition to perform their arduous duties. The bunks and sliding poles will be abolished, and the men will be able to enjoy home life.

St. Louis firemen now have a twenty-four hour period of duty, staying at the engine houses all the time, with the exception of meal hours and brief recesses. It may be possible for St. Louis to follow the example of Chicago with profit. The question is worth looking into. If possible, the fire fighters should be given better conditions, especially if the change will involve no deterioration in the service.

The Post-Dispatch Christmas dinner at the Coliseum exceeded expectations. More than 13,000 guests assembled at the tables, relays following one another until all were filled with Christmas cheer. Besides, about 1300 baskets full of good things were sent out to the sick and infirm. Santa Claus made fun for the little folks. This festival was the most successful of the series. The number of people who sat down to dinner was greater than ever before. The decorations were more elaborate, making the great hall most attractive and beautiful, and the occasion was marked by good will, good humor and general satisfaction. Everybody was out for a good time and everybody had it.

NO HURRY FOR THE CANAL.

What has happened to the Panama canal project that the patriots who, a few months ago, belloved lustily for immediate action now counsel caution and a careful consideration of all plans offered?

The country was assured that the enterprise was in the hands of men who do things and that they would proceed without delay to construct the canal and have it open for traffic in ten years.

But the moment Mr. Wallace, the chief engineer, returns with a recommendation for a sea level instead of a lock canal a halt is called. We are told that having waited four hundred years for a canal we can wait for a few years longer. And yet we were assured that it was an absolute commercial, political and military necessity to have it built without a day's delay.

Yesterday the word was "the dirt must fly." Today it is "let us make haste slowly."

Why this sudden and unlooked-for subsidence of patriotic ardor?

Perhaps the answer must be sought among the causes which have kept the project at a standstill for a quarter of a century. Is Mr. Wallace's report on the engineering features of the isthmus to be made the pretext of inquiries, discussions and counter reports?

If so, several years may be lost or gained. But from the point of view of the people who have only a public interest in the enterprise it would appear that the men who do things should stand by their boasts and go to work.

The American duchess who is having her dogs mauled several times a day is probably not much the intellectual superior of a blooded dachshund.

THE SIMPLE AND FASHIONABLE LIFE.

George Bernard Shaw, the witty Irish playwright who tries to have the last word on any social problem and to say it in as startling a way as possible, has been telling a fashionable London audience how to lead the simple life. Among other things, he said:

"It is useless for the individual possessor of wealth to attempt by ignoring fashion to lead a simple life. Nothing really complicates life so much as to do things which other people do not do."

"The simplest life any one can live is precisely the sort that is lived by the people around you. To attempt to assert your individuality by refusing to eat what others eat and wear what they wear will land you in a life far more cumbersome and expensive."

So we complete the circle by coming round to the comfortable conclusion that "whatever is right," and that all the frills and follies of fashion are necessary to leading the simple life, if one has been accustomed to following fashion's dictates.

... was when Shaw tried to lead a simple life by

ignoring the demands of fashion. He wore odd clothing and acted, as well as wrote, in an eccentric style. But he made a comfortable marriage, and the indications now are that he will confine his social protests to his plays and lectures. In actual life he will be a conformist. That is human nature, and we will not be hard on Shaw as long as he kicks so vigorously and wittily with tongue and pen.

It seems that we cannot afford for our rivers and harbors even as much as we threw away on Spain—\$20,000,000.

"INNOCENT THIRD PARTIES" IN FRAUD.

Statutes and court decisions on the rights of "innocent third parties" in fraudulent transactions involving corporation franchises, have long ago become "the tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive." The way out of a system of corruption which has commanded the highest legal talent for its support during half a century, may not soon appear.

It does appear, however, that Governor-elect Folk has taken sure ground by convincing himself that in the case of every public franchise obtained through "budding," the receiver of the stolen goods is as bad as the thief in working prejudice to public justice and public rights.

Whether an exact method of reform may appear soon or be long delayed, there can be no mistake made in insisting on the fundamental principles of common honesty on which all safe business, public and private, rests.

If Mr. Roosevelt does not remember the eight trust evils listed by the late Senator Hoar he should paste them in his everyday hat.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

IMPROVEMENT IN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:
Knowing your paper to be friendly to the deserving of St. Louis, I would suggest you would take up the twelve-hour watch in our fire department on same lines Chicago has passed, and if for nothing else try and do it for humanity's sake, as a man is not in right condition that does not get a proper sleep, and it would do away with the bunkers, as the night crew would be at their posts and always ready.

MICHAEL J. CURLEY.

MUNICIPAL BUZZARDS.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:
On Thursday morning I read with much interest that the President of the Board of Public Improvements is feeding 1500 hogs on Cheley island, twenty miles below the city, with the city garbage. Today I read that it is his intention to turn the island also into a goose farm, and that 1000 geese are to share with the hogs the succulent garbage conveyed thither by the garbage scoops.

The article today incidentally remarked that the hogs are taking on a pound of flesh each day. Admirable as these plans may be, I see difficulties in the way. The hogs are liable to contract diseases peculiar to their kind (particularly when they absorb the rat poison which is supposed to be diffused more or less throughout the alley garbage), and the geese may be taken for the wild variety by wandering sportsmen, to say nothing of the malicious abstraction of the same by hungry adventurers.

I have a scheme that beats both of these plans all hollow. Let the city provide a few thousand buzzards and give them full possession of the island. Here is a simple, natural and perfect solution of the problem. We are not the noblest of their kind, perform a useful service as scavengers in the southern states; why not utilize them here? Should this plan prove successful, and I have no doubt that it would be a grand success, the city may see fit by ordinance to compel every household to keep a buzzard in its back yard, and save the city the enormous cost of hauling the garbage to the scoops. This project grows upon me as I write, and I am sure you will be willing to share with me the credit of publishing this plan to a grateful municipality. I charge nothing for the suggestion, for the reason that my principles proclaim my name, which is

PRO BONO.

MAKE WORK FOR ALL.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:
It occurs to me that a vast amount of "Million Club" talk is beside the question. I do not think a new million would induce any man to come to St. Louis with his family. Neither would numerous new pavements, nor even new school buildings, although the last comes nearest being a consideration than the others. A man with children would want good schools, but we have good ones now.

The thing a man would look to, in the vernacular of the plain people, is his "job." Ask any man who came to St. Louis what he came for. Not one in a hundred will tell you that he came here for any purpose other than to go to work. In some capacity, be it great or small, manual or mental, in factory or profession, in store or office. That is what we are all here for.

So enlarging the opportunities for work will bring the people here. Increasing the capacity and the capacity to produce, increase the demand for work. To increase the demand for them, cultivate the distributing power. The South is the market.

ELMER J. ROESE.

RECIPE WANTED.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:
Will some one please give me a recipe for Vassar fudge. Will be very much obliged.

SCHOOL GIRL.

POST-DISPATCH ANSWERS

Legal questions not answered. Business addresses not given. No bets decided. Don't sign "Subscriber" or "Constant Reader." Give initials enough. Address all letters, "Answers, Post-Dispatch, City."

M. M. M.—Youngest President, Roosevelt—46.

C. S.—To Berlin, N. H., via Chicago, 1226 miles.

W. T. CURTIS.—Sun did not shine Dec. 16, 9 a. m.

LOUIS E. RAPP.—Tenth of 3 is four-ninths of 3.

W. M. HALL.—There have been leases for 999 years, but they are very unusual.

G.—No premium on any half-dollar or quarter after 1853; the "1853" was an error.

A. B.—See lists of publishers in city directory and at the Public Library, Ninth and Locust streets.

C. T.—Try any good polishing powder for German silver. A little acid might be necessary to remove some of the dirt.

A. F. M.—Any person born in the United States, no matter of what race, religion or color his parents may be, is eligible to the presidency.

A. C.—Case of Ir. C. Young was not appealed to the United States Supreme Court, therefore could not have been withdrawn from that court.

W.—A company has been organized to build the St. Louis, Kirkwood & Valley Park street car line, but we cannot say how soon the line will be built.

O. V.—Naval tonnage: 1900, Great Britain, 1,516,000 tons; France, 574,103; United States, 294,405; Russia, before the present war, 415,158; Germany, 387,874.

P. S.—Railway mail clerk examination will not be announced before Feb. 1; clerk carrier, November, 1905. Of course special examinations might be called earlier.

BRUNNER.—Roosevelt's vote, 7,637,632; Parker, 6,980,054; Debs, Socialist, 281,287; Swallow, Prohibitionist, 269,203; Watson, People's, 114,627; Corrigan, Socialist-Labor, 23,452; Holcomb, Continental Labor, 830.

R. A. T.—If you have no mustache, be thankful. It is a continuous nuisance. If you feel that you need one, be patient. Many mustaches come late. You can sneeze yourself with any fatty or oily substance every night and thus encourage growth of hair.

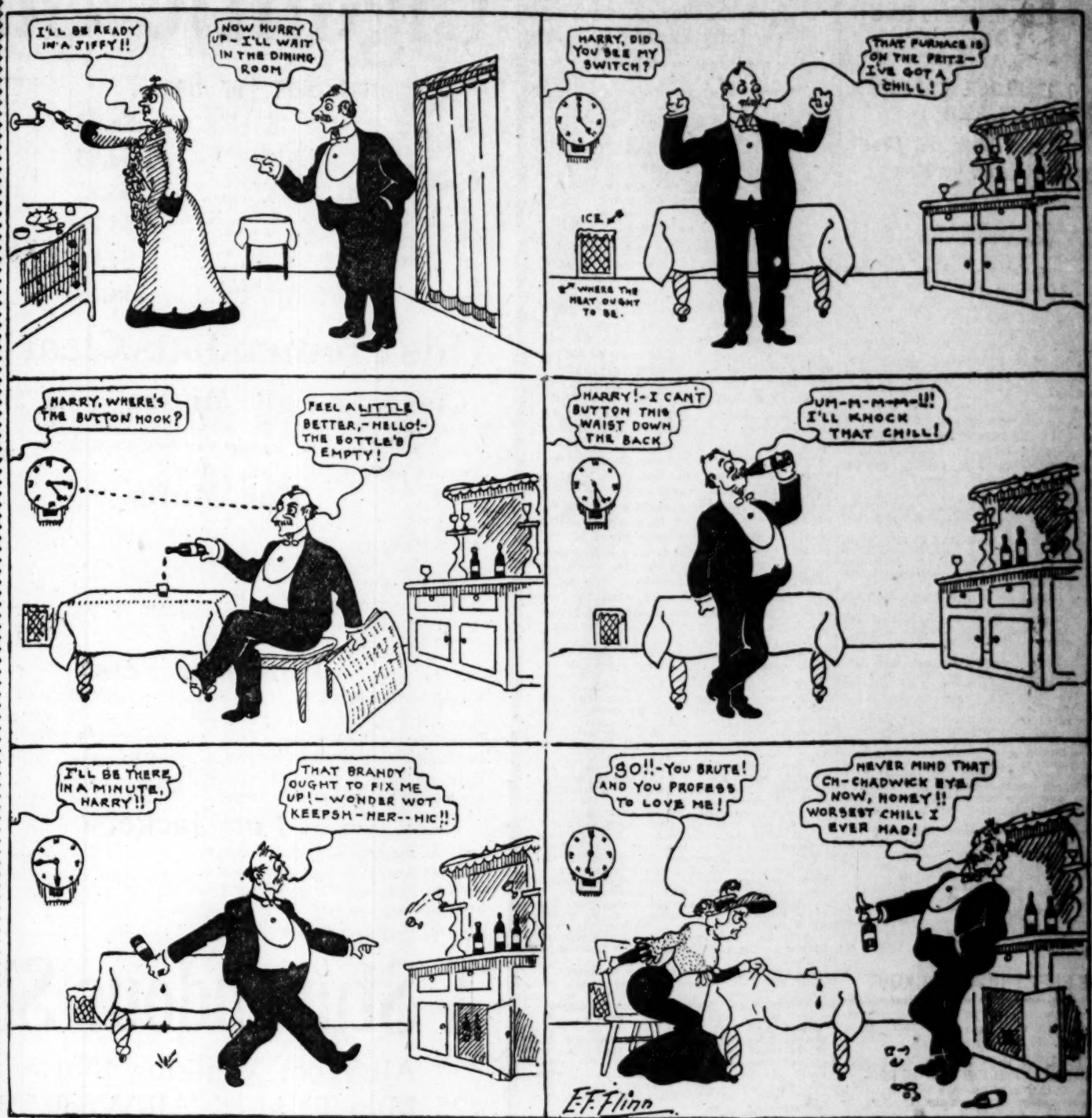
R. A. T.—X-ray, electric needle or tweezers is used to permanently remove superfluous hair. Moles are removed by electricity and electrocauterization. The skin is bleached with a solution of four ounces rosewater and 15 grains chlorate of potassium, applied with camel-hair brush. Other persons, is forbidden by law to subject prisoners to indignities not really essential in conserving the peace of society. If he has charge of a prisoner, he should be searched by the proper officer. If the officer is acting without a warrant at the suggestion of third person and without direct knowledge of the guilt of the prisoner he is in conflict with the law should he search the prisoner on or off the street. But he should take accused and accused with him to the proper officer and when the warrant is issued the search can be made.

PARIS' OFFICIAL PAWNSHOP.

The statistics of the Paris "Mont de Piété" or government pawnshop, for the year 1903 have just been published. They show that in the year 1,123,349 objects, of which 688,490 were jewelry were pawned. The 189,743 articles sold at the average price obtained for objects sold as unredeemed was \$1.11, indicating that the more valuable an article the more likely it is to be redeemed. The 189,743 articles sold after being held between 18 and 19 months brought \$511.18. On Jan. 1, 1903 there were 7,280 bicycles awaiting redemption. Statistics covering a long period of years show that the "Mont de Piété" is a most unreliable thermometer of the harder the times the fewer things are pawned, and

He Does Not Love Her Any More.

A Poor Wife Does Her Best to Make Her Home Happy, but What Can She Do When Her Husband Shows He Doesn't Care for Her Any More?



THE ST. LOUIS POLICE PROBLEM.

What Is Actually Involved by the Necessity for Reforming the Conditions of the Past.

Written For The Post-Dispatch.

The abuses of the St. Louis police department during the past four years have been open and notorious.

When the questions they raise come before the legislature, the action taken ought to be action to remedy them, to take the St. Louis police force wholly out of politics and keep it out.

If the issue presented takes the shape of a question of the partisan control of St. Louis elections through police manipulation, every evil of the past will be exaggerated in the future.

Under the conditions which have existed the city of St. Louis has been deprived by enactment of the power to scrutinize a demand made on it by the police board for appropriations from the city treasury.

This enactment is opposed at all points to a Republican form of government and to Democratic institutions under a Republican form. It is, in principle, more directly subversive of all the principles of good government than any other one of the long list of partisan enactments, intended to control St. Louis conventions and elections by making the control of the police force as far as possible arbitrary, not subject to scrutiny by the people of the city.

The right of scrutiny ought to be restored to the city. It involves not only questions of politics, higher than any partisanship, but questions of morals which affect the whole life of the people of the city, of its ages and all classes.

Except by the abuse of the police power as it is made arbitrary and free from scrutiny by the public, public gambling cannot be organized and maintained as a public institution as it has been in St. Louis during the past four years.

When the police power is made responsible instead of arbitrary, policemen cannot be compelled to join political clubs and to contribute to funds intended to control the political action of the people as has been notoriously done in St. Louis during the past four years.

With a responsible rather than an arbitrary control of the police force, the classes whose means of livelihood depends on vice in its worst forms, cannot be organized and compelled under police intimidation to take action against the public which they

would not venture to take but for this method of controlling them arbitrarily to serve the purposes of those who pervert the police force from its lawful function to alliance with habitual violators of law. With a responsible police, it will be possible to enforce laws made for the regulation of saloons so that the law will no longer be chiefly an agency for coercing the saloon keeper into carrying out the political plans of those who control the police.

With an arbitrary police, freed from public scrutiny and rendered as far as possible irresponsible to the public, every law passed for regulation is likely to become and it does usually become a means of blackmailing those whom it is intended to regulate, either by coercing their political action, as generally happens, or by compelling them to make payments of money as has often happened.

The systematic attempt has been made in St. Louis to use the police force to "Tammanyize" the city, by fixing on it the worst and most permanent system of organized political corruption human ingenuity has thus far been able to invent. The object of this system is perquisites and privileges for "insiders" at the expense of the public. It involves systematic dishonesty in all public contracts as it is to be worked for by organized effort. It involves the payment of all acknowledged claims for services rendered to the "organization" by giving the claimant a special opportunity for dishonest gain at public expense. It "makes the books balance to a cent" as a public boast, while at the same time it has secretly organized rapacity into a system which preys on the public in innumerable ways, of which no record ever appears on the books.

This system cannot be charged on any single party. It is the modern method through which all political corruption attempts control of the public for the purposes of corruption.

If action taken on police and other problems in St. Louis is partisan action, no evil exposed during the last four years in the St. Louis struggle against fraud will be remedied. Everything that seems as bad as possible now will be exaggerated into the worst possible, and the conditions of the future will be more demoralizing and more scandalous than those of the past.

The Millionaire's Peril.

The Millionaire's Peril furnishes Dr. Henry A. Stimson, writing in the December number of the Atlantic Monthly, some likes to read about millionaires—and who of us does not?—will be interested in this readable and vigorous paper. Just what The Millionaire's Peril is, we shall leave the reader to discover. But to say that it is both great and imminent.

Helping Along the Joke.

"These," said the epicure to the bright Philadelphia girl, "are snails. I suppose these snails, people don't eat them for fear of cannibalism."

"Oh, no," was the answer. "It isn't that. We couldn't eat them."

A Genuine Lady.

A London cabman had brought suit against a woman for not paying the legal fare, and his constant remark was, "She isn't a lady." "Do you know a lady when you see one?" asked the judge. "I do, yer honor. Last week a lady gave me a sovereign instead of a shilling, and I called: 'Beg pardon, madam, I've got a sovereign instead of a shilling,' and she shouts back: 'Well, you old fool, keep the change and get drunk with it!' That's not a lady!"

Explained at Last.

Goshall—As far as I can see, Mrs. Chadwick's whole trouble results from one mistake. Hemlock—What is that? Goshall—She neglected to get into the corners.

JUST A MINUTE

For
POST-DISPATCH
Verse and Humor

Swear-Off Time.

It will soon be here again—
Swear-off Time—
Bringing joy to heaps of men,
Swear-off Time;
Bringing joy, how deep a while,
As they all, devoid of guile,
Turn a new leaf with a smile—
Swear-off Time.

How it stirs a tough old heart—
Swear-off Time!
Gives a man a brand-new start,
Swear-off Time;
Makes him able to refuse
Many a proffered drink of booze,
And a straighter path to choose,
Swear-off Time.

It eliminates his thirst—
Swear-off Time—
Though it may have been the worst,
Swear-off Time.
Once upon the water-car,
After he has got a start,
It will help him do his part,
Swear-off Time.

Welcome, January 1.
Swear-off Time!
See-to meet the day we run!
Swear-off Time!
High resolves and joy it brings;
Virtue which, triumphant, sings,
And a lot of other things—
Swear-off Time.

Poverty and Poetry.

It is strange, but true, as you know, if you are anything like a constant reader of the War Cry, that the Salvation army is stronger on poets than almost any other religious organization.

Does Gen. William Booth, the great generalissimo, make a tour of the United States? In every city and village he is greeted with a poem of welcome by some enthusiastic follower.

Does Commander Booth-Tucker come to town? He is met by brigade of Salvation Army poets, manuscripts in hand.

Does Miss Eva Booth come across the water for the good of the cause? She is hailed on every platform by a home-made poem of welcome.

Is a new barracks established at Metropolitan, Ill.? The occasion is certain to be celebrated in verse.

Does some faithful and valiant soldier pass away to his reward? Other soldiers sing of his virtues in their best meter.

Does a new song, like "Good-bye, Little Girl, Good-bye," or "I've Got a Faithful for You," become popular? Immediately some Salvation Army poet writes a religious song to the same tune, and the best thing you know it is being sung on the corners.

That's What Counts.

It isn't the 15 cents you spend
For a little old lonesome drink,
When you stop in a bar at 8 p. m.
To rest for a while and think;
It isn't the measly quarter
You spend for a drink for two,
When a fellow you know comes in
And lines up there by you.
No! What counts is the fourteen-dirty
Which you blow in, without fail,
When the third man moseys in and puts
His foot on the bright brass rail.

There are some people who believe that
Artist Crane, in divorcing his wife that
he might marry her daughter, made a
goose of himself.

We notice a little word, "graft," in the
news lately, and it makes us wonder
because we can't recall where we have seen
it before.

How a Hat Made a Senator.

The truthful story is told in Missouri that the throwing of a broad-brimmed hat to the ceiling of the hall of the house of representatives in the capital at Jefferson City made Francis Marion Cockrell a member of the United States senate. The state had been stirred by a contest for the Democratic nomination for the governorship. The lines between supporters of opposing candidates were sharply drawn. In a state convention numbering a thousand delegates, Charles H. Hardin had won by the narrow majority of one-half of one vote. So close was the result and so bitter the feeling that the Democratic leaders feared reconciliation division in the party ranks. The result, however, had already been announced from the secretary's stand when the tall figure of the defeated candidate, General Cockrell, was seen coming to the platform. A moment more, as the look of expectancy fell upon the crowded hall, Cockrell's voice rang out. "No man," said he, "will more loyally support the nominee of the convention than myself. No man will throw his hat higher for Charles Hardin than will I." And away to the ceiling went the broad-brimmed Cockrell hat. The convention, frantic with enthusiasm, heard not another word, but the following spring General Cockrell became United States Senator by the unanimous vote of the Democrats of Missouri. For five successive terms, since March 4, 1895, with never a Democratic vote against him, he has been elected to the senate.

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A STORY FOR BIG AND LITTLE FOLKS
FOUNDED ON THE GREAT CHRISTMAS
SPECTACLE.

BY MALCOLM DOUGLAS

CHAPTER I.

In Which Is
Recorded the
Strange Birth
of Humpty
Dumpty.

His egg had rested upon King Solum's palace wall for some time. In the whole kingdom of Jellydub there was not a mortal soul who knew how it came to be there. It was noticed one morning and, as might be expected, the sudden appearance plunged the whole country into the wildest excitement. Underneath it was this significant couplet:

If this egg should tumble down,
You'll find a daughter and lose a crown!
The milkman who was delivering his usual supply to the royal household early that morning was the first to observe it and could not believe his eyes. But he had touched nothing stronger than water, and this he had put into his cans of milk. Even his sorry-looking donkey was regarding the egg with his long ears pricked up with astonishment.

The milkman ran with all his speed to the royal kitchen and gasped out the news of his discovery. In a short time all the household was staring at the egg with gaping eyes. The news spread like wildfire through the town, and people came running to the palace from all directions. The crowd became so great that the King's guards had the most difficulty in keeping it back.

"What is it?" asked the King's fat baker, Tollwog. "Did some little boy lay it there as a joke?"

"Idiot!" said the gardener, Scollwog. "Your wife are as heavy as your bread. Little boys do not lay eggs."

"But what hen could have laid it?" asked Lollwog, who polished up the pots and pans. "Whoever she is she should be watched."

"No hen in all the world could lay such an egg as that," asserted Nollwog, who was in charge of the poultry, and, of course, knew what he was talking about. "Not even the combined efforts of 50,000 hens could produce such a result as that. Besides, I keep my hens, geese and turkeys

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all cooped up nights. They couldn't have got out."

"There is magic in all this," declared old Fozzlewooz, who was the King's secretary, and knew more than anybody. "Depend upon it, it is the work of magic hands!"

Instantly the cry was taken up. "Yes, yes, magic!" "Some evil hands have placed the egg on the wall!" "It is the work of a terrible demon!"

"No, no," said old Fozzlewooz. "It is the good fairies who have done this."

"But does it not say that if the egg falls the King will lose his crown?" asked somebody.

"Yes," replied old Fozzlewooz. "But it also says that he will find his daughter. Surely, that is better than losing his crown."

For years before King Solum's daughter, the Princess Blossom, had mysteriously disappeared. She was just a little mite of a thing, with blue eyes and golden curls, but she was the life of the whole court. She had no mother, and the King's life was wrapped up in his only child.

A fruitless search for Blossom was made all over the kingdom. Every nook and cranny was carefully examined, but they could not find her anywhere. Finally, everybody came to the conclusion that some wicked ogre had abducted her, and the search was given up in despair.

After the unaccountable disappearance of his little girl King Solum was a terribly changed man. He was never known to smile. In time he married again, and his second wife died, leaving him another daughter, the Princess Marie, but, though he loved her, she could never fill the place left vacant in his heart by the lost Blossom. He was a bitter, disappointed man, and not only the whole court but the whole kingdom fell into gloomy ways, and it finally grew to be such a bore that it was avoided even by Cook's tourists.

So the years passed by until the sight of the extraordinary egg on the palace wall had its electrifying effect. The wondering populace excitedly discussed the phenomenon and their amazement grew apace.

"Why doesn't someone go and tell King Solum?" suggested a person in the crowd. "Surely he should know this."

"Yes, yes," chorused others. "The King ought to be told. And the bells ought to be tolled, so all the people can be told."

But there was no need of informing King Solum. So great had been the uproar that it had awakened him from sleep, and in his royal vestments he suddenly appeared upon the palace steps, accompanied by the Princess Marie, Little Mary, the cook, and her son, Peter.

"What is this?" shouted the angry monarch, glaring at the crowd. "An uprising? What ho, my guards! Back, back, all of you!"

Little Mary, the cook, spied the egg on the wall.

"My!" she cried, admiringly. "Look at the lovely egg. What an omelet it would make!"

King Solum stared at the monstrous egg in a stupefied manner.

"Who did this?" he demanded.

"No one knows," was shouted back on all sides. "If it tumbles down, you'll find your daughter. Push it down, somebody!"

"Humpty Dumpty will be faithful till death," exclaimed the Fairy Mirth

"Back, back!" bellowed King Solum furiously. "Can't you see that it says that I'll lose my crown? If I did I'll have to go to work like the rest of you!"

"Of course I want your daughter," said King Solum. "But I want my crown too. Besides, how do I know that I'd get my daughter? I might only lose my crown. No, no! Whatever happens, that egg must stay up! If it falls I'm a ruined man!"

And from the very day of its discovery King Solum devoted all his time and attention to the big egg on his wall. At night he dreamed of eggs, and when the wind blew very hard he was almost on the verge of mental collapse.

He would get up a dozen times through the night and go in his nightgown to the window to see if the egg was still upon the wall. Whenever he heard Little Mary, the cook, say eggs were down he had a shiver, for he was thinking of an particular egg.

He doubted his standing army and kept them guarding the egg night and day. There was not a moment that it was not jealously watched for fear that some curious or designing person might cause it to tumble off the wall, and so by doing involve the King in serious consequences.

So the days passed by and every one became accustomed to the sight of the egg, which gradually ceased to be a wonder. Even the round-stomached, well-fed soldiers nodded and slept while they were on duty guarding it.

Perhaps the one to be feared most of all in doing mischief was Little Mary, the cook. She never beheld the egg without feeling a secret desire to cook it. So great was this desire that she resolved to make it fall at the first opportunity she got, and there concoct from it a big egg-nogg, of which there would be plenty for all the people in the capital to drink. She did not fear the King. She was the cook and the King feared her.

"Peter," she said to her big, lazy, overgrown son as they stood in the palace courtyard one morning, "there are those good-for-nothing soldiers asleep on the steps again. They eat so much they can't keep awake. Why, any one could get at that egg and make it tumble down!"

But Peter was paying no attention to her. He was too busy looking at a pretty, graceful girl, with blue eyes and golden hair, who had just entered the palace gates.

"Oh, mother," he said, "there's a nice little girl. May I go?" and play with

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ing?" asked his mother.

"Part of it," said Peter.

"Yes," said Mary. "I can see the same high-water mark. Well, go over and speak pretty to her."

So Peter went over to the stive stranger and said to her.

"Hello, little girl!"

"I'm not a little girl," was the response, given with some petulance. "I'm nearly seventeen."

"Do you want to play with me?" asked Peter.

"What are you doing here?"

"I'm lost," said the girl, "and I'm looking for my father and mother. Maybe, my mother."

"No, sonny," corrected Little Mary. "He's the cook's king."

"Oh, dear," said the girl, very much disappointed. "Then you're not my mother, of course. I thought I'd found one of my parents at the palace."

"Why, what is that funny thing over there?"

She was looking at the egg and her big blue eyes were wide open with astonishment.

"That's the egg," explained Little Mary. "If it tumbles down, the King will find his lost daughter."

"Then maybe I'm his lost daughter," said the girl, her pretty face once more lit up with hope.

"Well," said Little Mary decidedly, "you're the quickest parent-finder I ever saw!"

"What's your name?" asked Peter, who had taken a gun that lay at the side of one of the sleeping soldiers, and was examining it.

"Blossom," was the response; "please don't point that gun at me. It might go off."

"Don't you point it at me, either," said Little Mary, in alarm, as she seized the gun by the muzzle. "Turn it that way."

"Why, it's pointed now right at the egg!" said Peter.

"I don't believe it's loaded," said Little Mary.

"Yes, it is, too," said Peter, as he pulled the trigger. "See!"

There was a loud explosion and Little Mary and Blossom held their hands to their ears. The soldiers sprang to their feet in the greatest excitement and everyone came running from the palace filled with foreboding by the deafening report.

"What's wrong?" asked King Solum, between his grunts and puffs. "Has anything happened?"

"Look!" shouted all, pointing to the wall. "The egg is down."

"Don't tell me that!" groaned the unhappy monarch, wringing his hands. "What a terrible calamity! If it has fallen it must be mended somehow and restored to its place on the wall."

And as he paced to and fro and still kept wringing his hands at the dire mishap that had come to the egg, a sweet voice was suddenly heard singing:

"Humpty Dumpty will be faithful till death," exclaimed the Fairy Mirth

"Hi! hi! hi!"

"All the King's horses and all the King's men Can't put that egg together again!"

"Whose voice was that?" inquired King Solum, in surprise.

Then right before their dazed, bewildered eyes a fairy suddenly appeared from somewhere—no one knew where—the most beautiful being they had ever beheld, in a shimmering robe of white, and with a wand tipped by some jewel that sent out flashes like a star.

"It was my voice, King Solum," she said, in tones so wondrously sweet that everyone within hearing was thrilled. "Let me introduce myself. I am the Fairy Queen of Mirth. So sad and dreary is your unhappy court it needs reorganization, with jollity for a basis. He who can provoke a smile, Your Majesty, is far more useful than he who can provoke a tear, for of tears the world already has enough."

While she spoke she slowly waved her jeweled wand, and from the broken egg there issued forth a strange being in baggy clothes whose whitened face fairly radiated with fun and merriment. So irresistibly droll was he that at the sight the royal household, in the face of a great misfortune, roared with laughter. His spirits were too volatile to permit him to walk after being liberated from his stumpy prison, so that he was obliged to find vent for them in a number of delicious flipnaps and cartwheels, until he finally was close to the Fairy Mirth, before whom he stood with bowed head, in an attitude of the greatest veneration and respect.

"Humpty Dumpty," said this beautiful being, with a radiant smile, "I charge you with a mission. You are to spread mirth wherever you go. And so that you may not be lonely, I will give you three companions to aid you in your pranks."

Then, in response to the successive waves of her wand, three successive waves of mirth came, and, old, stupid, blundering

TELEPATHY AMONG INSECTS.

Not only the unworthy sluggard might observe the ant and other insects and profit thereby. Science each day adds to the wonders which these little creatures are capable of and puts human creatures to shame.

This time it is a sixth sense which a noted scientist has discovered many insects to be fortunate enough to possess. At least they are able to communicate with one another at great distances.

This professor had two alanthus trees in his yard, and these suggested the idea to him of obtaining from Japan some eggs of the alanthus silk worm. He got a few, hatched the larvae and watched anxiously for the appearance of the first moths from the cocoons. He put one of the moths in a wicker cage and hung it on one of the alanthus trees. This was a female moth. On the same evening he took a male moth to a cemetery, a mile and a half away, and let him loose, having previously marked him by tying a silken cord about his abdomen, so as to be able to identify him. The idea was to find out if the two moths would come together for the purpose of mating, these two being the only ones of their species within a distance of hundreds of miles.

This power of locating each other had been previously observed in these insects. In the morning the two moths were found to be in the same cage, the female having been able to attract her mate from a distance of a mile and a half.

Comparatively little is known about the ordinary senses of insects. Most of them see well, the eyes of many being far more elaborate than those of the human being. The eyes of common houseflies and dragon flies are believed to be better fitted than the human eye for observing objects in motion, though these creatures are short sighted.

That insects have the sense of taste can not be doubted when it is observed how nice they are in their selection of foods. That they have smell is a matter of common observation. Most insects are deaf to sounds which are heard by human beings. At the same time, there is no doubt that they make and hear sounds which are entirely out of our range of hearing.

Certain senses in insects appear to be beyond comprehension. The neuter among ants, known as the "termites," are blind, and yet they will reduce a beam of wood in their burrowings without once gnawing to the surface. An analogy is found among animals. A bat in a lighted room, though

blinded as to sight, will fly in all directions with great swiftness and with infallible certainty of avoiding concussion or contact with any object. It seems to be able to feel at a distance.—Chicago Journal.

Why Is a Boy Sent to College?

President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton University, who is the author of "A History of the American People," lectured in New York the other day on "The University and the Nation." President Wilson made some remarks that throw light on modern college education. He said: "You don't send a boy to college to find an education—it's to find himself, to orient himself, to find his relation to the life that is around, and to become of value to the nation. The class-room is not vital, because one man dominates—one mind is master. I believe that the only way to learn is by trying your mind alongside of some other mind and drawing conclusions. The thing is to get in the class-room the point of view. Nothing gives a youngster contact with the world like rubbing against the men of various parts of his own country."

Not Critical.

"Is your husband's condition critical?" "No," answered the patient-looking woman. "That's what makes me think he must be sick. He doesn't find any fault at all."—Washington Star.

Hadn't Discovered.

Master: Do you know what time we commence work here?
Workman (who is always late): I dunno. They are a-lus at it when I coom in the mornin'.—London Telegraph.

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OPENS THE GARRICK

Fashionables Thronged the House
to See "The Taming of
the Shrew."

The new Garrick Theater got a good start. It was opened last night by a brilliant actress in a brilliant play, with much of fashionable St. Louis looking on.

It was as if the player who opened the new house was to put upon it the stamp of her own high standing in her profession—for the Garrick was opened by Miss Ada Rehan. It was as if the first play to be given upon its stage was to pledge it to the best that the drama provides—for the play was Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." It was as if the audience was to put the approval of the

better element of St. Louis playgoers upon the house for its lasting good—for the notables of the city were sprinkled through the Garrick's big audience last night as sunflowers loom up in a Kansas field. In the lower boxes upon the right were Governor D. R. Francis and family, and back of them Mayor Rolla Wells and family.

There was an eagerness to look around and see what the new theater is like. So people looked. They looked good. They observed that the drop curtain is a music room of lively colors; that these hold theatergoers interested in that there are no arches under the balconies, that there are two rows of boxes, the lower row so nearly upon a level with the seats in the parterre

that the box occupants are scarcely lifted upon those sitting in the body of the house; that the decorations of the house are hill-red and green; that the theater is so built that the seats spread fan-like about the stage in such a way that even the seat most remote from the stage is within easy hearing and seeing distance; that the aisles are wide; that the seat rows are far apart; that the seats themselves are comfortable; that the seats are so arranged

that the heads of those in front scarcely ever obtrude themselves in one's view; that there is a bas relief of David Garrick, the noted English actor, to whose art and memory the new Garrick is a monument; at the top of the proscenium arch.

"Beautiful!" said the people. It was beautiful, indeed. It was not quite elaborate. It did not seem to have been exceptionally costly. It only looked pretty and

Miss Rehan was the bright star of the evening. To the woman who won fame with Augustin Daly; who made a tour of the world to her everlasting acclaim; whom the dean of all American dramatic critics, William Winter, has said is the most perfect of all the finished players of our country; whose Catherine is copied upon all the English-speaking stage, and whose Lady Teazle is perhaps the best limped of a

The warmth of the reception given her was in a measure needed by that girl.

Mr. Charles Richman, her leading man. Mr. Richman is not so well known in St. Louis. He has been here a number of times, but not in the same prominent way in which he comes this week. It may be said with all truth that he will not be forgotten. What with his handsome figure, his great rich voice, the charm of his smile and the warmth of his wink—O, Petruchio, how splendid art thou!

It was not until the end of the third act that anything occurred to make the opening different from the formal performance of a play. Mr. Charles L. Salisbury, a former Bowdoin student manager and now with the Messrs. Shubert, stepped before the curtain and made a brief address. He called upon W. A. Swasey, the architect, who spoke briefly and then advised the audience to call upon Gov. Francis.

The audience did so, but the governor

The Garrick has now entered upon its career. Miss Rehan will be there this week and next week, playing "The Taming of the Shrew" tonight and "The School for Scandal" tomorrow night. She has an excellent supporting company—quite the same, in fact, seen with her when she was here.

last season. The excellence of Mr. Richman's Petruccio makes us all eager to see his Charles Surface.

HOLIDAY VAUDEVILLE
AT THE COLUMBIA.

It's a good holiday bill the Columbia is offering its patrons this week. There are

three numbers that are in the headline class. Thomas J. Ryan and Mary Richfield present a really laughable comedietta by Will M. Cressy, entitled "Mike Haggerty's Daughter." Felix, Barry and Harry appear in a skit called "The Boy Next Door," which is a compound of music, dancing, acrobatics and comedy. Josephine

Nabel is back again with her old turn, which, judged by its effect on the crowd, improves with age. "I'm getting too old to do this monkey business, but I need the money," she says, but, if she's really tired of the venerable turn she doesn't show it in diminished enthusiasm. There are many other good features on the bill. DeMoro and Lee have about the best mid-air turn seen at the Columbia this season. Bob and George Quigley, rapid-fire conversational-

acts; Misses Delmore, musicians; Lennie McKeever, illustrated songs; Robert Noma, whistler; Jennings and Renfrew, singers; Andrews and Field, Swedish comedians, and George W. Leslie, minstrel, are other worthy numbers. And say, stay for the motion pictures, which this week are studies in the hunting of moonshiners by the government. There are many thrills in these inanimate performers.

The Odeon Stock Company begins its new week tonight in "The Suburban," the racing drama. It promises that the big play will be produced just as elaborately as any that have preceded it. The stock company productions are getting themselves talked about, and the advance sale indicates increased attendance.

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No. 77, 1800 to 1850 per cwt. East			
No. 78, 1800 to 1850 per cwt. East			

No.	Grade	Av.	Per
1	male	80	80
2	male	80	80
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96	male	80	80
97	male	80	80
98	male	80	80
99	male	80	80
100	male	80	80

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CORN.					NEW YORK.					CHICAGO.				
Dec.	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	Dec.	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	Dec.	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2
Jan.	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	Jan.	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	Jan.	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
Feb.	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	Feb.	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	Feb.	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
Mar.	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	Mar.	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	Mar.	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
Apr.	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	Apr.	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	Apr.	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
May.	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	May.	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	May.	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
June.	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	June.	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	June.	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
July.	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	July.	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	July.	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
Aug.	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	Aug.	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	Aug.	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Sept.	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	Sept.	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	Sept.	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Oct.	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	Oct.	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	Oct.	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
Nov.	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	Nov.	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	Nov.	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2
Dec.	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	Dec.	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	Dec.	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Jan.	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	Jan.	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	Jan.	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Feb.	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	Feb.	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	Feb.	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
Mar.	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	Mar.	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	Mar.	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
Apr.	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	Apr.	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	Apr.	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
May.	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	May.	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	May.	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
June.	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	June.	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	June.	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
July.	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	July.	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	July.	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Aug.	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	Aug.	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	Aug.	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Sept.	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	Sept.	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	Sept.	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2
Oct.	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	Oct.	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	Oct.	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Nov.	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	Nov.	53 1/2	53 1/2	53						

Closing Friday	Closest Today	Highest Today	Lowest Today	Closing Friday	Closest Today	Highest Today	Lowest Today
Dec. May.	\$1.10 1.17			\$1.17 1.18			
CHICAGO.							
Closing Friday	Highest Today	Lowest Today	Closing Friday	Highest Today	Lowest Today	Closing Friday	Highest Today
Dec. May.	\$1.10 1.17			\$1.17 1.18			
WHEAT.							
Dec. May.	\$1.10 1.17			\$1.17 1.18			
CORN.							
Dec. May.	\$1.10 1.17			\$1.17 1.18			
OATS.							
Dec. May.	\$1.10 1.17			\$1.17 1.18			

	Closing Friday	Highest Today	Lowest Today	Closing Today
				PORK.
Jan. 5	\$12.47	\$12.92	\$12.80	\$12.57
Jan. 6	12.87	12.96	12.67	12.87
				LARD.
Jan. 5	6.85@87	7.15@87	6.87	6.87
Jan. 6	7.12@15	7.15@87	7.12@15	7.12@15
				BEEF.

ST. LOUIS CASH MARKET			
	Today	Friday	Year ago
Wheat			
No. 1	1.15 1/4	1.14 1/4	95
No. 2 red	1.12 1/4	1.10 1/4	95
No. 3 red	1.09 1/4	1.07 1/4	95
No. 4 red	1.06 1/4	1.04 1/4	95
No. 1 hard	1.11 1/2	1.10 1/2	95
No. 2 hard	1.08 1/4	1.06 1/4	95
No. 3 hard	1.05 1/4	1.03 1/4	95
No. 4 hard	1.02 1/4	1.00 1/4	95
Barley			
2-row	44 1/2	44 1/2	64 1/2
6-row	43 1/2	43 1/2	64 1/2
Oats			
No. 1	44 1/2	44 1/2	64 1/2
No. 2	43 1/2	43 1/2	64 1/2
No. 3 yellow	43 1/2	43 1/2	64 1/2
No. 4 yellow	42 1/2	42 1/2	64 1/2
No. 1 hard	44 1/2	44 1/2	64 1/2
No. 2 hard	43 1/2	43 1/2	64 1/2
No. 3 hard	42 1/2	42 1/2	64 1/2
No. 4 hard	41 1/2	41 1/2	64 1/2
corn			
No. 1	44 1/2	44 1/2	64 1/2
No. 2	43 1/2	43 1/2	64 1/2
No. 3	42 1/2	42 1/2	64 1/2
No. 4	41 1/2	41 1/2	64 1/2
No. 5	40 1/2	40 1/2	64 1/2
No. 6	39 1/2	39 1/2	64 1/2
No. 7	38 1/2	38 1/2	64 1/2
No. 8	37 1/2	37 1/2	64 1/2
No. 9	36 1/2	36 1/2	64 1/2
No. 10	35 1/2	35 1/2	64 1/2
No. 11	34 1/2	34 1/2	64 1/2
No. 12	33 1/2	33 1/2	64 1/2
No. 13	32 1/2	32 1/2	64 1/2
No. 14	31 1/2	31 1/2	64 1/2
No. 15	30 1/2	30 1/2	64 1/2
No. 16	29 1/2	29 1/2	64 1/2
No. 17	28 1/2	28 1/2	64 1/2
No. 18	27 1/2	27 1/2	64 1/2
No. 19	26 1/2	26 1/2	64 1/2
No. 20	25 1/2	25 1/2	64 1/2
No. 21	24 1/2	24 1/2	64 1/2
No. 22	23 1/2	23 1/2	64 1/2
No. 23	22 1/2	22 1/2	64 1/2
No. 24	21 1/2	21 1/2	64 1/2
No. 25	20 1/2	20 1/2	64 1/2
No. 26	19 1/2	19 1/2	64 1/2
No. 27	18 1/2	18 1/2	64 1/2
No. 28	17 1/2	17 1/2	64 1/2
No. 29	16 1/2	16 1/2	64 1/2
No. 30	15 1/2	15 1/2	64 1/2
No. 31	14 1/2	14 1/2	64 1/2
No. 32	13 1/2	13 1/2	64 1/2
No. 33	12 1/2	12 1/2	64 1/2
No. 34	11 1/2	11 1/2	64 1/2
No. 35	10 1/2	10 1/2	64 1/2
No. 36	9 1/2	9 1/2	64 1/2
No. 37	8 1/2	8 1/2	64 1/2
No. 38	7 1/2	7 1/2	64 1/2
No. 39	6 1/2	6 1/2	64 1/2
No. 40	5 1/2	5 1/2	64 1/2
No. 41	4 1/2	4 1/2	64 1/2
No. 42	3 1/2	3 1/2	64 1/2
No. 43	2 1/2	2 1/2	64 1/2
No. 44	1 1/2	1 1/2	64 1/2
No. 45	1/2	1/2	64 1/2
No. 46	0 1/2	0 1/2	64 1/2
No. 47	0 1/4	0 1/4	64 1/2
No. 48	0 1/8	0 1/8	64 1/2
No. 49	0 1/16	0 1/16	64 1/2
No. 50	0 1/32	0 1/32	64 1/2
No. 51	0 1/64	0 1/64	64 1/2
No. 52	0 1/128	0 1/128	64 1/2
No. 53	0 1/256	0 1/256	64 1/2
No. 54	0 1/512	0 1/512	64 1/2
No. 55	0 1/1024	0 1/1024	64 1/2
No. 56	0 1/2048	0 1/2048	64 1/2
No. 57	0 1/4096	0 1/4096	64 1/2
No. 58	0 1/8192	0 1/8192	64 1/2
No. 59	0 1/16384	0 1/16384	64 1/2
No. 60	0 1/32768	0 1/32768	64 1/2
No. 61	0 1/65536	0 1/65536	64 1/2
No. 62	0 1/131072	0 1/131072	64 1/2
No. 63	0 1/262144	0 1/262144	6

No.	white	44	43%	643%
	OATS			
No.	2	81	81	27
No.	3	25	25	35
No.	4	25	25	35
No.	white	31	31	37
No.	2	31	31	37
No.	3	31	31	37
No.	4	31	31	37

CATTLE —Receipts, 23600. The supply again was small, largely native stock, the bulk of which was fair to good steers. The market was active and strong to 10c higher.				
	No.	Weight	Av.	Price
	40	native beef steers.....	1284	\$5.60
	40	native beef steers.....	1292	5.75
	42	native beef steers.....	1300	4.75
	40	native beef steers.....	1300	4.75

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FINANCIAL.		FINANCIAL.	
PINEAPPLES—Florida, Spanish red; \$2.50/50.			
and smooth Crenna \$4.50 per crate; Mexican,			
\$2.50/50 per dozen.			
LIMES—\$1.50 per 100.			
MALAGA GRAPES—Quota at \$5.00/50 per			

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315 OLIVE STREET.
SPECIALISTS IN SEEDS

VEGETABLES.
POTATOES. Market unchanged; demand light; Iowa, 250,000, common to fair; Idaho, 275,000, common to fair; Minnesota, 150,000, common to fair; and aggregate delivered for choice to fancy run, 300,000. Onions—steady. Ordinary red at 10¢ and fancy globe and bulk white 11-14 delivered.
CABBAGE. Steady. New Holland seed, \$110 per 50-lb. sack delivered, according to condition. Ice.

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CUMBERLAND—Choice Florida, \$2.50 per bu.
FLORIDA—Choice, \$2.50 per bu.
SWEET POTATOES—large, white, \$1.50 per bu.
HONEYDEW—white, yellow, \$1.50 per bu.
HORSERADISH—white, \$1.50 per bu.

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